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TO: Each Supervisor
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FROM: Marvin J. Southard, D.S.W.
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SUBJECT: **REQUEST TO INCREASE DELEGATED AUTHORITY PERCENTAGE IN
THE BOARD LETTER TO AMEND LEGAL ENTITY AGREEMENT WITH
VIP COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER**

This memorandum is to comply with Board Policy Manual, Section 5.120, Authority to Approve Increases to Board Approved Contract Amounts. The Policy mandates that any department requesting a percentage increase in delegated authority exceeding ten percent of the total contract amount must provide a detailed justification and advance written notice to your Board, with a copy to the Chief Executive Officer, at least two weeks prior to the Board Meeting at which the proposed contract is to be presented.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) requests an additional ten percent for a total of twenty percent delegated authority to increase the Maximum Contract Amount of the Legal Entity Agreement with VIP Community Mental Health Center (VIP CMHC), which is being amended via sole source to add comprehensive in-depth case analysis, consultation, and recommendations on the handling and prosecution of elder and dependent adult abuse cases. VIP CMHC is the current operator of the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center since 2006. This request will allow VIP CMHC to sustain the existing multidisciplinary team and services at the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Forensic Center led by a Forensic Neuropsychologist who provides neuropsychological evaluations of victims for protection and prosecution purposes, capacity declarations, testimony in courts, and continuous collaboration with team members which includes a geriatrician, as well as representatives from the Los Angeles Police Department, County Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, City Attorney's Office, Adult Protective Services, Office of the Public Guardian, GENESIS, and the Los Angeles County Victim Witness Assistance Program. Through the continued use of VIP CMHC, services will continue as quickly as possible so there is seamless delivery of services to this population.

This authority will allow DMH greater capacity to amend contracts for new funding streams and programs/services and implement such programs/services in a timely and expeditious manner. Therefore, in most instances, where speed and response time are of key importance, the objectives to maximize, prioritize, and increase access to services will more effectively meet the County's mission, "To Enrich Lives Through Effective and Caring Service."

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Should there be a need to exceed the twenty percent delegated authority, DMH will return to your Board with a request for authority to amend the Legal Entity Agreement accordingly.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me, or your staff may contact Richard Kushi, Chief, Contracts Development and Administration Division, at (213) 738-4684.

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